

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning AB 1066 without my signature.

This bill places unnecessary limitations on the use of personal service contracts as current law provides sufficient restrictions and oversight. Current law already requires the State Personnel Board to notify employee organizations of personal service contracts that may affect their agency, making a new requirement that the awarding agency provide identical notification redundant. In addition, providing one particular bargaining unit with unique notice requirements adds unwarranted confusion to the process for state contracting.

This bill also prohibits an agency from submitting a contract if in the preceding 12 months, it has attempted to contract with the same company for the same services and the State Personnel Board found that it did not comply with the conditions for a contract. This condition limits an agency's pool of contractors and inhibits contractors from doing business with the State, particularly if a rejected contractor addresses the Board's concerns, becomes compliant with the conditions for a contract, but cannot be considered for 12 months.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger